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SUBJECT: SITUATION IN ADDIS ABABA

REFS: ADDIS 7506 AND 7498

- 1. WE HAVE REPORTS FROM EMBASSY LOCAL EMPLOYEE AND DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUE THAT GROUP OF MILITARY OFFICERS AND MEN, CALLING ITSELF REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE, HAS BEEN CONTACTING UNITS OF SECURITY FORCES IN ADDIS. COMMITTEE TELLING VARIOUS MILITARY AND POLICE UNIT COMMITTEES TO ISSUE ARMS AND AMMUNITION TO THEIR MEN AND TO STAND-BY IN CASE THEY NEEDED. POLICE COMMITTEE MEMBER TOLD EMB LOCAL THAT REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE ALSO SAYING THEY WANT TO REMOVE EMPEROR, WE HAVE OTHER RELIABLE REPORT THAT M-1'S BEING ISSUED FROM MOD ARMORY.
- 2. ACCORDING RADIO ETHIOPIA AMHARIC BROADCAST AT 1400 LOCAL, PRIME MINISTER MET WITH CABINET THIS MORNING AND DIRECTED FOUR MINISTERS INVESTIGATE EVENTS. NEWS ALSO CARRIED ANNOUNCEMENT CONFIDENTIAL

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THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL BRANCHES SECURITY FORCES (INCLUDING

TERRITORIAL ARMY) MET AND ISSUED STATEMENT CALLING ON PEOPLE OF ETHIOPIA TO CO-OPERATE WITH MILITARY MOVEMENT. BROADCAST ALSO SAID REPS OF SECURITY FORCES WOULD MEET AGAIN AT 1600 LOCAL AND ARE EXPECTED ISSUE ANOTHER STATEMENT.

- 3. CONGEN ASMARA REPORTED AT 1300 LOCAL THAT NO EVIDENCE OF SIMILAR MILITARY ACTIVITY IN ASMARA, AND THAT CITY CALM.
- 4. ADDIS ALSO OUTWARDLY NORMAL. RUMORS ABOUND OF ARRESTS OF SENIOR GOVT. OFFICIALS. WYMAN

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